

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please amend the first paragraph as follows:

The benefit, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §~~120~~119(e), of provisional U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/249,443, filed November 20, 2000, entitled "OPTICAL CONVERTER WITH A DESIGNATED OUTPUT WAVELENGTH" is claimed, and the specification thereof is incorporated herein in its entirety by this reference.